

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

AARON HOPE,	:	1:20-cv-562
<i>et al.</i> ,	:	
Petitioners-Plaintiffs,	:	
	:	
v.	:	Hon. John E. Jones III
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CLAIR DOLL, <i>in his official capacity</i>	:	
<i>as Warden of York County Prison,</i>	:	
<i>et al.</i> ,	:	
Respondents-Defendants.	:	

**ORDER**

**April 10, 2020**

Respondents' *ex parte* Application to Stay all Proceedings Pending Appeal

Authorization (Doc. 23) is **DENIED**.<sup>1</sup>

s/ John E. Jones III  
John E. Jones III  
United States District Judge

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<sup>1</sup> The Court disagrees entirely with the Respondents' contention that the Petitioners face no potential risk of irreparable harm if the Court were to deny their request. COVID-19 has proven to be a highly virulent transmissible infection that is already inside the walls of the Respondents' facilities. Petitioners all suffer from pre-existing conditions that render them exceptionally vulnerable to COVID-19 and places them at a greater risk of death than the average individual. It is the Court's considered view that Petitioners have carried their burden in favor of a TRO granting their release from civil immigration detention. We have already granted the Respondents' a brief stay in order to consider additional evidence and argument. We were not persuaded by Respondents' presentation then, and we are not persuaded now.